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Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8.
4. Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition.
5. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its third session.

Annotations

1. Opening of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee

The third session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime will be convened on Wednesday, 28 April 1999, at 10 a.m. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee will be held during the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which is to be held in Vienna from 27 April to 6 May 1999. The Ad Hoc Committee will hold its meetings over four working days, utilizing resources available to the Commission at its eighth session and benefiting from the conference and interpretation services to be provided during that session of the Commission.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Ad Hoc Committee, at its first session, held in Vienna, from 19 to 29 January 1999, decided that at its third session it would focus on articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8, dealing with money-laundering, confiscation and transparency of financial transactions (A/AC.254/9, para. 16).

At its second session, held in Vienna from 8 to 12 March 1999, the Ad Hoc Committee decided that at its third session it would devote one day to the consideration of the international legal instrument addressing illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition. Also at its second session, the Ad Hoc Committee endorsed the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for its third session (A/AC.254/11, para. 24).

The resources available to the Ad Hoc Committee at its third session will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

3. Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8

At its first session, the Ad Hoc Committee concluded a first reading of articles 1-23 of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (as contained in document A/AC.254/4). At its second session, the Ad Hoc Committee considered articles 1-3 of the draft Convention, dealing with the objectives, scope of application of the Convention and definitions. The Ad Hoc Committee also completed a first reading of articles 24-30 of the draft Convention. The Ad Hoc Committee decided, at its first session, to consider at its third session articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8 of the draft Convention. That decision was made on the understanding that, should the Ad Hoc Committee complete the drafting of those articles with time remaining at its third session, it would proceed to the negotiation of as many other articles of the draft Convention as possible. In view of that decision and in the event of early conclusion of the negotiation of articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8 of the draft Convention, the Ad Hoc Committee may wish to proceed with the negotiation of articles 5, 9 and subsequent articles.

Documentation

Revised Draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Rev.2)

Proposals and contributions received from Governments (A/AC.254/5/Add.5).

4. Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

The General Assembly, in its resolution 53/111, decided to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of, *inter alia*, discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee, in carrying out this work, to

take into account, *inter alia*, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/18, 1998/19 and 1998/20 of 28 July 1998.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 53/114 of 9 December 1998, called upon the Ad Hoc Committee to devote attention to the drafting of the main text of the convention against transnational organized crime, as well as, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea.

At its first session, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a first reading of the draft international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition. The proposals and comments of delegations have been incorporated in a revised version of that instrument, which will form the basis for the consideration of the matter by the Ad Hoc Committee at its third session.

Documentation

Revised draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition and Related Materials, Supplementary to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.2/Rev.1)

Background documents

Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials (A/AC.254/CRP.1)

5. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its third session

The Ad Hoc Committee is to adopt a report on its third session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur.

Annex

Proposed organization of work of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to be held in Vienna from 28 April to 3 May 1999

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*
Wednesday, 28 April	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1	Opening of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		3	Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8
	3 to 6 p.m.	3	Continuation of the discussion
Thursday, 29 April to Friday, 30 April	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.	3	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
Monday, 3 May	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	4	Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition
	3 to 6 p.m.	4	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
		5	Consideration and adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its third session